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Questions/Responses for ICESat-2 Flight Laser Procurement RFP NNG10338284R

QUESTION: Please update the RFP to clarify that the final evaluation period will not be evaluated against the Performance Evaluation Plan (PEP). Please clarify that final evaluation will be against the composite contract requirements and will not be subject to unilateral modification.

RESPONSE: In accordance with NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) 1816.405-273 the final evaluation period is evaluated against the Performance Evaluation Plan. The final fee determination reflects the Government's assessment of the Contractor's performance against the terms and conditions of the contract requirements.

NSF 1816.405-273 Award fee evaluations, b) *End Item Contracts specifies* "On contracts, such as those for end item deliverables, where the true quality of contractor performance cannot be measured until the end of the contract, only the last evaluation is final. At that point, the total contract award fee pool is available, and the contractor's total performance is evaluated against the award fee plan to determine total earned award fee."

Furthermore, award fee decisions are unilateral decisions made solely at the discretion of the Government.

QUESTION: Attachment A to the Performance Evaluation Plan does not contain the percentage distributions for the individual evaluation periods. Please update the RFP to provide the percentage distributions for the evaluation periods.

RESPONSE: All of the evaluation periods and maximum available award fee will not be established until contract award. Once the contract is awarded evaluation periods will be established along with the available award fee for each period.

QUESTION: RFP states that "the amount of award fee which will be provisionally paid in each evaluation period is limited to 80 percent of the prior interim evaluation score. Since the first evaluation is beginning 12 months after the effective date of the contract, the first 12 months of the contract does not contain a "prior interim evaluation score". Please confirm that provisional billing is allowed for up to 80% of the available award fee for the initial 12 month period.

RESPONSE: Provisional billing will be allowed for up to 80% of the initial award fee period.